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**SPECIFICATION:**

The specification is objected to as failing to provide  
45 proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.  
The examiner cites 37 CFR 1.75 (d) (1) and MPEP 608.01 (o).

The examiner noted for example, "anterior pretibia shell,"  
"an upper tibia portion," front and back protion," "lower  
50 ankle forefoot portion," top and bottom" (Claim 1), "upper  
flanges (Claim 2), "lower flanges (Claim 3), "external  
flanges," (Claim 8). The examiner further states that the  
applicant is advised to review the entire specification and  
provide proper antecedent basis for every term used in the  
55 claims.

Responsive to the examiner's objection, the applicant has  
reviewed and corrected the entire specification to provide  
the proper antecedent basis for every term used in the  
60 claims. Claims 1, 2, and 3 have been amended to include  
the proper antecedent basis in the specification to comply  
with the examiner's objection.

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